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## WORLD BOOK CAPITAL NOMINATION 2016 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Selection Committee for the World Book Capital is calling for nominations for the World Book Capital 2016. The complete applications including a cover or support letter from the Mayor of the candidate-city and drafted in one of UNESCO Secretariat's working languages (English or French), should reach UNESCO no later than Friday 25 April 2014. No application received after this date will be taken into consideration.

The applications shall contain maximum 25 pages in A4 format and should be transmitted by the post to the UNESCO contact below (in 5 original copies) and, if possible, by e-mail in pdf format, to: [wbcc@unesco.org](mailto:wbcc@unesco.org). The Jury reserves the right to refuse applications exceeding 25 pages.

The applications shall include a main contact person (name, title, postal address, telephone and e-mail) responsible for the correspondence between the City and the Committee throughout the nomination process.

In submitting their applications, the candidate cities or municipalities grant UNESCO and the other members of the Selection Committee the right to circulate and publish the applications on line for information purposes.

The aim of the candidate programmes will be to promote books and foster reading during a 12 months period between one World Book and Copyright Day and the next (23 April).

To ensure a balanced representation of all regions<sup>1</sup> of the world, the Selection Committee will not consider consecutive nominations of cities or municipalities from the same region. Since the 2015 title was awarded to a city of Asia and the Pacific (Incheon, Republic of Korea), no candidature from this region will be taken into consideration for the 2016 nomination. Furthermore, the Jury will only consider an application for a city in a country where another city has been a World Book Capital City if a period of 10 years or more has elapsed since the previous host city nomination.

The applicants' programme proposals will be examined in the light of the following six criteria:

1. the submission of an activity programme specifically conceived for the World Book Capital City programme and implemented during the city's term as Capital City with long-term benefits for partners and society at large;
2. a general outline of expenses foreseen and fund-raising strategies;

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<sup>1</sup> According to its own criteria based on operational needs, UNESCO distinguishes five regions: Africa, Arab States, Asia and the Pacific, Europe and North America, and Latin America and the Caribbean (see annex).

3. the degree of municipal, regional, national and international involvement, including professional and non-governmental organizations, and the foreseeable impact of the programmes;
4. the quantity and quality of one-time or ongoing activities organized by the applicant city in collaboration with national, regional and international professional organizations representing writers, publishers, booksellers and librarians respecting the various players in the book supply chain and in the scientific and literary community;
5. the quantity and quality of any other noteworthy projects promoting and fostering books and reading;
6. conformity with the principles of freedom of expression, freedom to publish and to distribute information, as stated in the UNESCO Constitution as well as Articles 19 and 27 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and by the Agreement on the Importation of Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials (Florence Agreement, see annex).

By presenting its application each candidate city or municipality commits, in case of nomination, to:

1. associate UNESCO and the three professional associations represented in the Selection Committee, in its communication and information campaign by displaying their respective logos, on all publications and on the website of the World Book Capital programme);
2. provide UNESCO, which will share it with all members of the Selection Committee, with:
  - a. an interim report on the activities implemented during the first part of nomination year (23 April 2016 - October 2016);
  - b. a final report on the activities implemented during the entire nomination year (23 April 2016 - 22 April 2017);
3. systematically invite UNESCO and the three professional associations represented in the Selection Committee to all main events relating the World Book Capital City programme;
4. produce and circulate information and communication tools on the City programme both in national and international languages.

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The City authorities should also commit to facilitating possible evaluation audits implemented on UNESCO's request.

The Selection Committee – operating under the auspices of UNESCO – is made up of one representative of the International Publishers Association (IPA), one representative of the International Booksellers' Federation (IBF), one representative of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) and one UNESCO representative. The Committee's task is to choose a World Book Capital each year, in accordance with 31 C/Resolution 29, adopted by the UNESCO General Conference on 2 November 2001.

The first World Book Capital chosen prior to the adoption of 31 C/Resolution 29 was Madrid (Spain) in 2001. Subsequent World Book Capital Cities have been Alexandria (Egypt) in 2002, New Delhi (India) in 2003, and Antwerp (Belgium) in 2004. Montreal (Canada) was the World Book Capital City in 2005, succeeded by Turin (Italia) in 2006, Bogotá (Colombia) in 2007, Amsterdam (The Netherlands) in 2008, Beirut (Lebanon) in 2009, Ljubljana (Slovenia) in 2010, Buenos Aires (Argentina) in 2011, Yerevan (Armenia) in 2012, Bangkok (Thailand) in 2013, Port Harcourt (Nigeria) in 2014 and Incheon (Republic of Korea) in 2015.

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<b>Africa</b>	<b>Arab States</b>	<b>Asia and the Pacific</b>	<b>Europe and North America</b>	<b>Latin America and the Caribbean</b>
Angola	Algeria	Afghanistan	Albania	Antigua and Barbuda
Benin	Bahrain	Australia	Andorra	Argentina
Botswana	Egypt	Bangladesh	Armenia	Aruba*
Burkina Faso	Iraq	Bhutan	Austria	Bahamas
Burundi	Jordan	Brunei Darussalam	Azerbaijan	Barbados
Cameroon	Kuwait	Cambodia	Belarus	Belize
Cape Verde	Lebanon	China	Belgium	Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
Central African Republic	Libya	Cook Islands	Bosnia and Herzegovina	Brazil
Chad	Morocco	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Bulgaria	British Virgin Islands*
Comoros	Oman	Fiji	Canada	Cayman Islands*
Congo	Palestine	India	Croatia	Chile
Côte d'Ivoire	Qatar	Indonesia	Cyprus	Colombia
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Saudi Arabia	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Czech Republic	Costa Rica
Djibouti	Sudan	Japan	Denmark	Cuba
Equatorial Guinea	Syrian Arab Republic	Kiribati	Estonia	Curaçao*
Eritrea	Tunisia	Kyrgyzstan	Faroes*	Dominica
Ethiopia	United Arab Emirates	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Finland	Dominican Republic
Gabon	Yemen	Macao, China*	France	Ecuador
Gambia		Malaysia	Georgia	El Salvador
Ghana		Maldives	Germany	Grenada
Guinea		Marshall Islands	Greece	Guatemala
Guinea-Bissau		Micronesia (Federated States of)	Hungary	Guyana
Kenya		Mongolia	Iceland	Haiti
Lesotho		Myanmar	Ireland	Honduras
Liberia		Nauru	Israel	Jamaica
Madagascar		Nepal	Italy	Mexico
Malawi		New Zealand	Kazakhstan	Nicaragua
Mali		Niue	Latvia	Panama
Mauritania		Pakistan	Lithuania	Paraguay
Mauritius		Palau	Luxembourg	Peru
Mozambique		Papua New Guinea	Malta	Saint Kitts and Nevis
Namibia		Philippines	Monaco	Saint Lucia
Niger		Republic of Korea	Montenegro	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Nigeria		Samoa	Netherlands	Sint Maarten*
Rwanda		Solomon Islands	Norway	Suriname
Sao Tome and Principe		Sri Lanka	Poland	Trinidad and Tobago
Senegal		Tajikistan	Portugal	Uruguay
Seychelles		Thailand	Republic of Moldova	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Sierra Leone		Timor-Leste	Romania	
Somalia		Tokelau *	Russian Federation	
South Africa		Tonga	San Marino	
South Sudan		Turkmenistan	Serbia	
Swaziland		Tuvalu	Slovakia	
Togo		Uzbekistan	Slovenia	
Uganda		Vanuatu	Spain	
United Republic of Tanzania		Viet Nam	Sweden	
Zambia			Switzerland	
Zimbabwe			The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	
			Turkey	
			Ukraine	
			United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	
			United States of America	